

DECISION RECORD

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I have reviewed this environmental assessment including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environment impacts. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the Rawlins Resource Management Plan approved in December, 2008. This decision approves the proposed Deerwood Ranch Ecosanctuary for the purpose of housing 300 excess wild horses on private lands known as Deerwood Ranch as detailed in EA DOI-BLM-WY-030-2012-0125-EA

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

RATIONALE FOR THE DECISION

This decision allows for the BLM to enter into a Cooperative Agreement (CA) for the care and maintenance of up to 300 excess wild horses on native grassland pastures on privately owned lands in Albany County, Wyoming. The Proposed Action will result in converting a cattle ranch operation into a wild horse ecosanctuary. Existing facilities, range improvements and construction of a wildlife friendly fence between Deerwood Ranch private property and United States Forest Service (USFS) lands (National Forest) are part of the Proposed Action. Wild horses maintained at the Deerwood Ranch will be geldings gathered from Wyoming's Herd Management Area's.

APPEALS

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. If an appeal is taken (see 43 CFR 4.410), your notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days (see 43 CFR 4.411) from receipt of this decision to:

Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Rawlins Field Office
P.O. Box 2407
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why you think the final decision is in error (see 43 CFR 4.412).

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations at 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay:

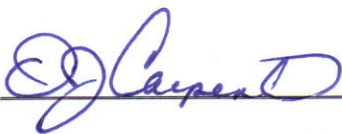
Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

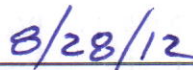
If you decide to submit a petition for stay of the decision, a copy of the notice of appeal, statement of reasons, and petition for stay should be simultaneously filed with the Office of Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215.

If you have questions concerning this decision please contact Marcell Astle at the Rawlins Field Office at (307) 328-4200.

Authorized Official



Field Manager: Rawlins Office



Date